

THE WHITE SCHOOL.

It Looked Like the Negro School, but This Was a Mistake.

During one of my drives of exploration I passed a school in Spencer county, about thirty-five miles east of Louisville. At first sight I was sure I had stumbled upon a typical negro school, but as I went about the yard with my camera a farmer who lived near by came over to see what I was doing.

"How long has this colored school been here?" I asked.

"This is the white school, an' I don't know how long it's been built. All I know is that it wasn't noways new."



THE ANCIENT WRECK WITH ITS SAGGING FLOOR.

when I moved into this neighborhood thirty years ago comin' May."

"Painted?" He laughed good naturedly as he took a fresh chew of his twist. "Painted? Why it ain't never had no paint on it that I ever see or heard of."

I looked at the ancient wreck, with its sagging floor, its scattered rock about the door where there should have been a walk; then my glance fell upon a new, sturdy long distance telephone pole which stood close to one corner of the building. I walked up and, placing my hand against it, waited and fell to thinking. Suddenly the busy humming of the wires seemed to be whispering insistently to the broken house: "Wake up! Wake up! We are not asleep today! We are in the hurrying and scurrying twentieth century! Wake up and join the procession!"

On the far side of the school I stumbled upon some old fashioned hand-made desks and at once asked my farmer friends where they had come from.

"Why, they come out of the school there, of course. The children used 'em until this year, when they put in some new ones."

My next search was for the closets. I knew there was no coal house on the premises, for the old desks were piled



"THIS HERE IS A PAUPER SCHOOL."

upon the top of the winter's supply of coal. I was unable to find even the remains of any closet, so I again questioned my farmer friend.

"They ain't never had none since I been in the neighborhood!"

"Haven't had any closets at all?" I exclaimed in amazement. "How can your teachers handle a school without closets?"

The man hesitated a moment, shifted his quid to the other side of his jaw and answered quietly:

"Gawd knows, I don't."

"How do you happen to have such a poor schoolhouse in this part of the county—the land looks pretty good?"

"You see, this here is a pauper school."

I pretended not to understand him fully, so I asked:

"My, that's too bad. I had no idea that the farmers up here on the headwaters of Salt river were so poor. You haven't even got a church in the neighborhood, then?"

"Oh, yes! We've got a mighty nice, brand new church a mile out the pike from here."

"State built that, too?" I suggested.

"Why, no; the folks all chipped in and built it," he explained carefully.

"We ain't poor folks at all!"

"Why couldn't you folks chip in and do something for this old tumble-down school?" I asked.

"We could have done it, couldn't we?" he exclaimed. "I reckon we just never thought about it that way."

Education Pays.

The state of Kansas, though less than sixty years old, has "excellent schools, and her taxable property has increased at the rate of \$120,000,000 annually during the past ten years, a total increase of \$120,000,000 in a decade. This is twice the total assessment of Kentucky.

The valuation of real property in Kentucky is \$487,835,230. In Kansas the same class of property is valued at \$1,578,048,700.

The valuation of personal property in Kentucky was \$143,113,000, while in Kansas it was \$880,043,000.

The total assessed valuation in Kentucky was \$644,480,000 and in Kansas \$2,458,091,700.

The above figures are from the World Almanac for 1910.

NOTES OF THE FARM

COLUMN OF INTERESTING NEWS THAT WILL BENEFIT FARMERS.

Out of the Gingham Jar.

Most rat holes will bear looking into.

Isn't the lover who braves the storm a rain-beat?

It doesn't require an axe to cut an acquaintance.

Corn on the cob is more acceptable than corn on the foot.

Three is no impropriety in using a spring wagon in the fall.

It isn't very long before the "good fellow" is a poor fellow.

Women are vain, but men are much more so and with far less reason.

Many a man is in great fear that he will get all that is coming to him.

We notice that most people who are consumed by curiosity still survive.

If our mistakes teach us nothing it were hardly worth while to make them.

A horse is not of any use until it is broken, but it is different with a plow.

Though we may never have lost any, most of us are looking for money all the same.

A hen will spend a whole day getting up an egg that a hungry man can eat in a minute.

When you buy a balky horse you may not pay for any harness, but you will be sure to get a halter.

The wise man does not let his wife hear him boast that he is a good manager; she knows better.

Don't wait for success to come in your yard. Grab it by the collar and yank it inside the gate.

Womanly Wisdom.

When pin-feathers come out with difficulty, wrap a piece of muslin around your finger to pull against.

If you would have light dumplings leave the cover off for about ten minutes after you have put them in.

"People who do not like the country because there is so little going on, are those in whose heads there is less going on than even in the country."

Mix your griddle-cakes, waffles, fritters, etc., in the upper part of a double boiler instead of in an ordinary mixing bowl, and you will find the handle very useful to hold it by when trying them.

When you buy the children's underwear for the winter, sew a piece of tape, about three inches long, across the bottom of the legs. This will prevent the drawers from wrinkling up when the stockings are put in.

Do not forget to give the baby plenty of water. Milk is a food, and does not take the place of water as a drink. Plenty of water between feedings, taken either warm or cool, is a great aid to the bowels and kidneys.

One housekeeper has prevented many a burned roast or overbaked cake by setting the alarm clock to the proper time to open the oven door. Then she goes about her work in the other parts of the house, knowing that she will hear the imperative call at the right time.

The Poultry Yard.

Lay in the winter's supply of road dust or sifted coal-ashes, as it will be needed for dust baths.

A load of gravel scattered around houses and coops would greatly contribute to the health of many a flock.

A hen will eat at least a bushel of a corn a year if she can get it. Put aside that amount for each one, and see that each one gets her share.

Let dressed poultry of all kinds be cool clear through before offering it for sale. Limp poultry does not sell so well as that which is good and stiff.

Secure a lot of leaves or other light litter for use during cold weather in making the hens exercise.

Idle hens become mischievous and unhealthy stock.

Gather in the poultry that have been allowed to roost outdoors. The sooner they become accustomed to the house the better it will be for their health and improvement.

Gumption on the Farm.

Paint the ladders and store them away in the barn.

Throw the grain out before the rats and mice do it for you.

Don't stand too much on your dignity—you might slip and fall.

With hay at twenty dollars a ton, so would not be a day's feed?

It is as easy for a little rip in a horse blanket as to get larger!

Stars for needle and thread! The minute you see such a rent.

End of the year—get us up and doing a!

the outdoor work that has been put off, lest winter catch us unprepared.

Selling the farm and moving into town to join the store-box club is a good deal like trading off the best cow for a yellow dog. Don't do it, brother, as long as you can plow a straight furrow.

If you had to stack any hay out this year, look at the tops before winter sets in. They sometimes settle badly, so that the storms are likely to injure the hay very much. If this is the case with yours, top them again. Thick, fine grass is the best for this purpose. Tread it down well.

With the Live Stock.

Clean, dry bedding is a prime requisite in the care of live stock. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Folks will begin now to set their milk in the kitchen pantry. It is a poor place at best, and to get good cream you must keep every single thing away from the milk that has any smell about it.

The mare with the fall coat should be kept most of the time in a roomy, warm box stall.

The colts and unused horses should spend most of each pleasant day in the paddock.

If any horses are to be idle during the winter give a light diet, but do not take all grain away from them.

Only the wealthy man can afford to keep a poor cow.

A chill brought on by the colder coming in contact with the frosty ground may ruin your best cow.

Shrinking in milk lumps in the udder, starting coat, can all be brought on by one night on the frosty ground. All this means of hard cash. It doesn't pay.

Get the roots and other forage for the swine stored away for winter use.

It should be remembered that a hog's coat of hair is not heavy nor of the kind to keep out extreme cold. Consequently it feels the changes in temperature most keenly.

Rheumatism in hogs is caused by improper feeding, which produces indigestion, by lack of exercise and by dampness and exposure to drafts.

It is easier to prevent the disease than it is to cure it.

From November Farm Journal.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

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A LETTER FROM KANSAS.

Holington, Kans. Oct. 14,

To the News:

I would not have you think I am dead, but busy. It has been quite a while since I chronicled my last little article to the News.

And to be honest I could not explain why, myself. I enjoy the columns of the News, and always delighted to hear from home yet we sometimes get very busy and neglect things.

This year, I have been very busy being the president of the Board of Education and having a high school building to superintend, saying nothing of my every day duties in my professional work, but am glad to say we have the building completed and I must say it is a monument to our city, and a credit to the State. We have also selected our corps of instructors from superintendent down to the primary grades, sixteen in all and they too are busy, and from all indication, we are having a splendid school. Most all the teachers employed have degrees from A. M. to B. of ph. We have two magnificent school buildings in the city, well equipped in every particular, and we are maintaining one of the best high schools in the State, as well as a splendid course in all common branches. Besides these advantages, educationally speaking, you can take any kind of course in manual training, engineering, architecture etc. at our Y. M. C. A.

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